



# DAC Meeting #6



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# SDOT's mission & vision

Mission: delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle.



Vision: a vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.

# SDOT's values



# Presentation overview

- What we've heard
- Evolution of concept
- Discussion

# Goals for concept process

- What is a concept?
- Develop a concept for DAC feedback
- Share a concept at the open house for public feedback

# What we've been hearing

- Agreement with project goals and objectives
  - Safety for all users
  - Connectivity
  - Economic vitality
  - Accessibility

# What we've been hearing

- Key concern overview
  - Parking
  - Circulation
  - Bicycle behavior
  - Speeds for bikes and vehicles
  - Visibility concerns
  - Pedestrian activity
  - Unique loading needs

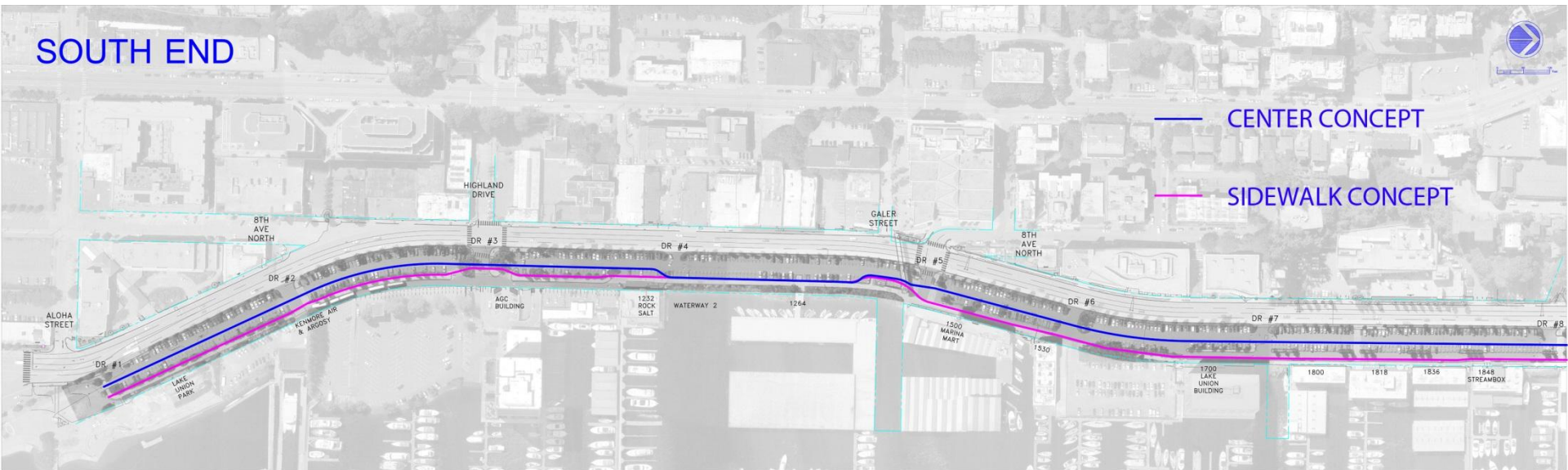
# What we've been doing

- **April** – presented Concepts A and B
- **May** – revised concept development approach
- **May-July** – gathered detailed segment input
- **June-July** – developed Center Concept
- **July** – began development of Sidewalk Concept





# Two concepts tonight





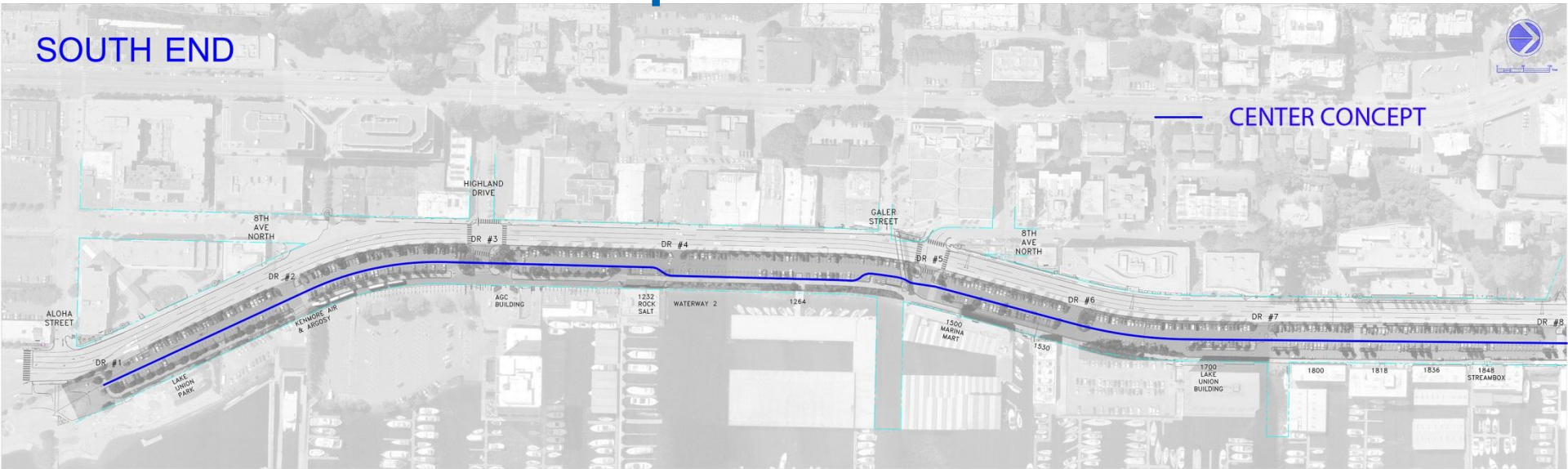
# Evolution of the Center Concept





# Overview map

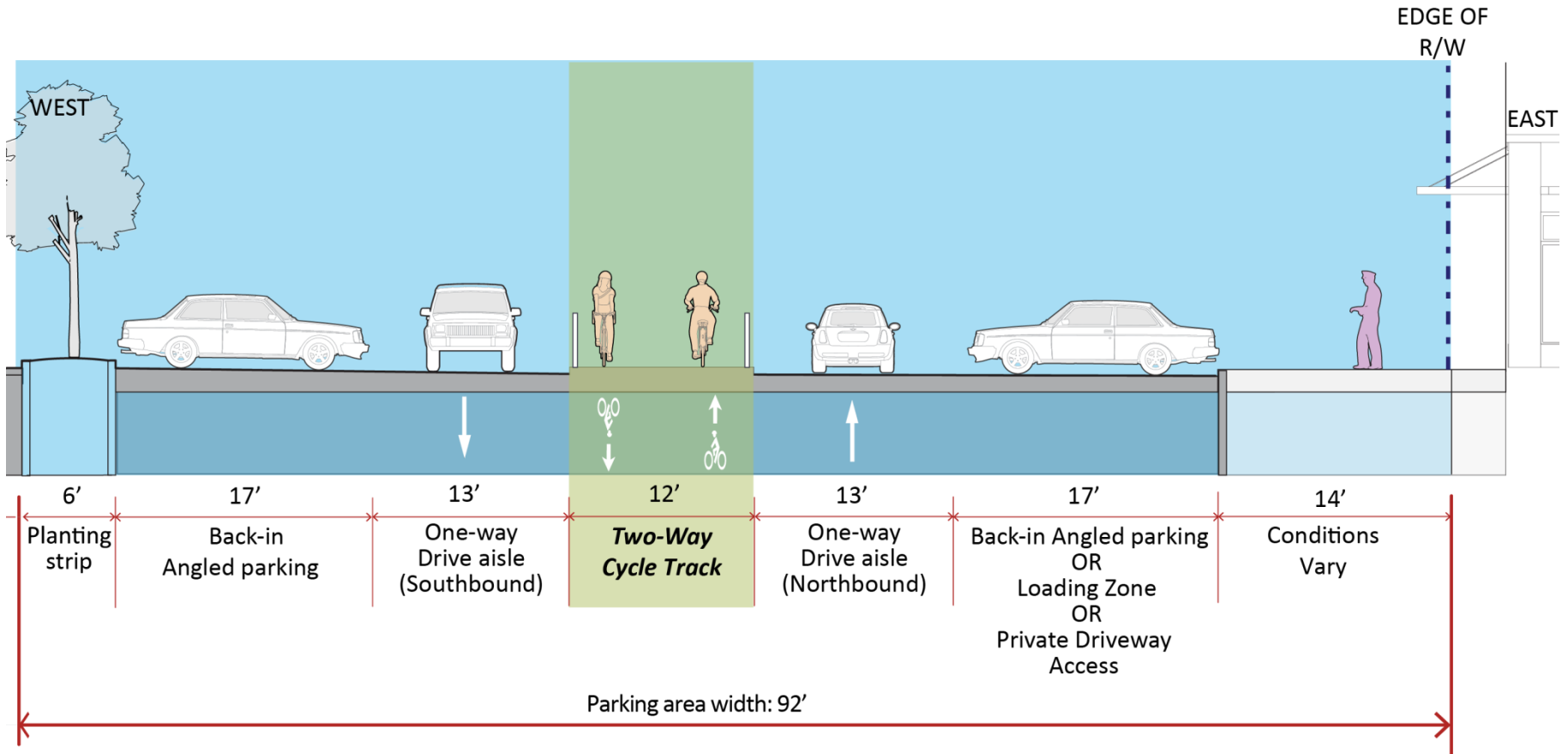
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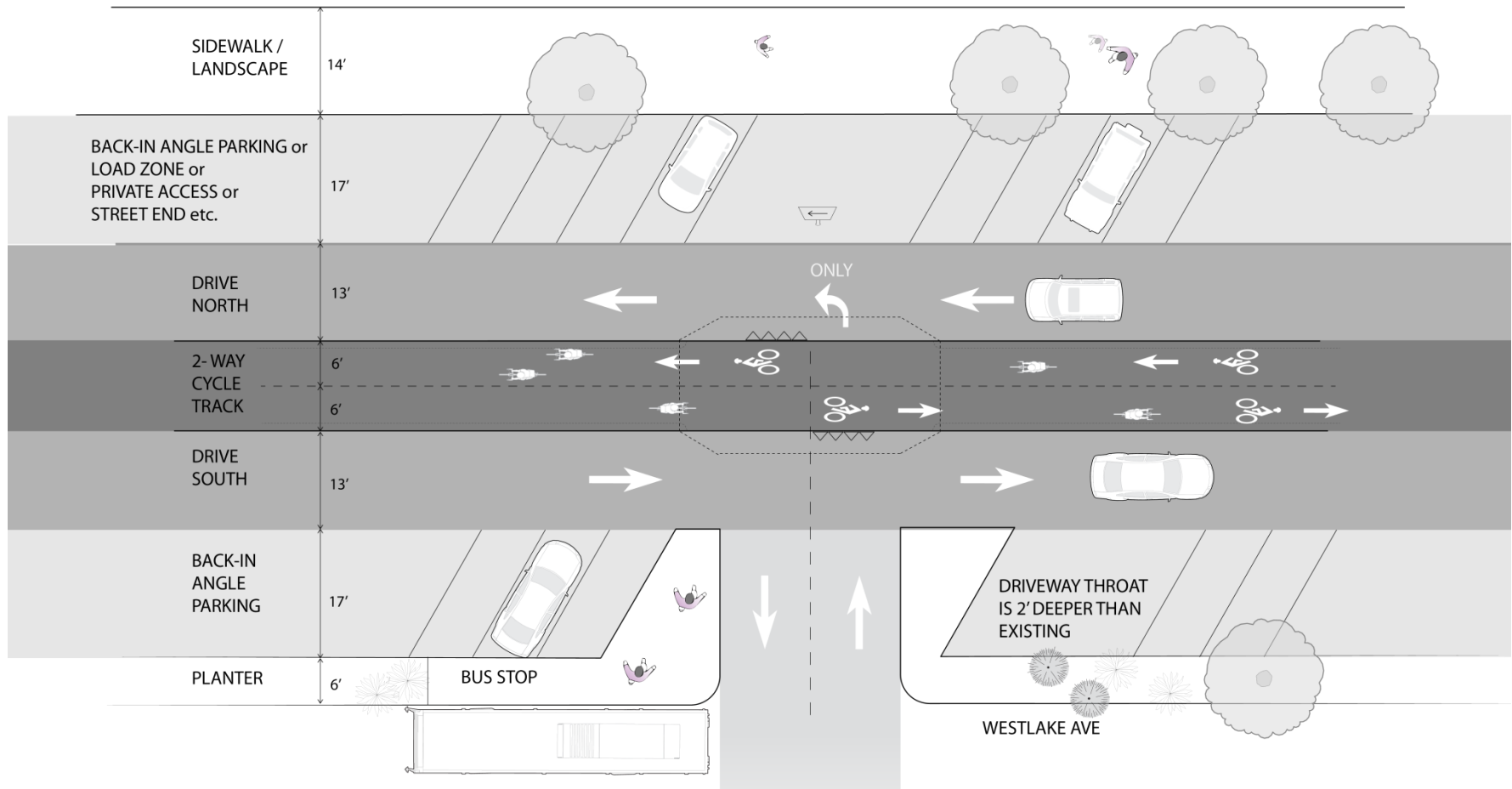
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# What is the Center Concept?



# Center Concept – How it works





# Similar concept



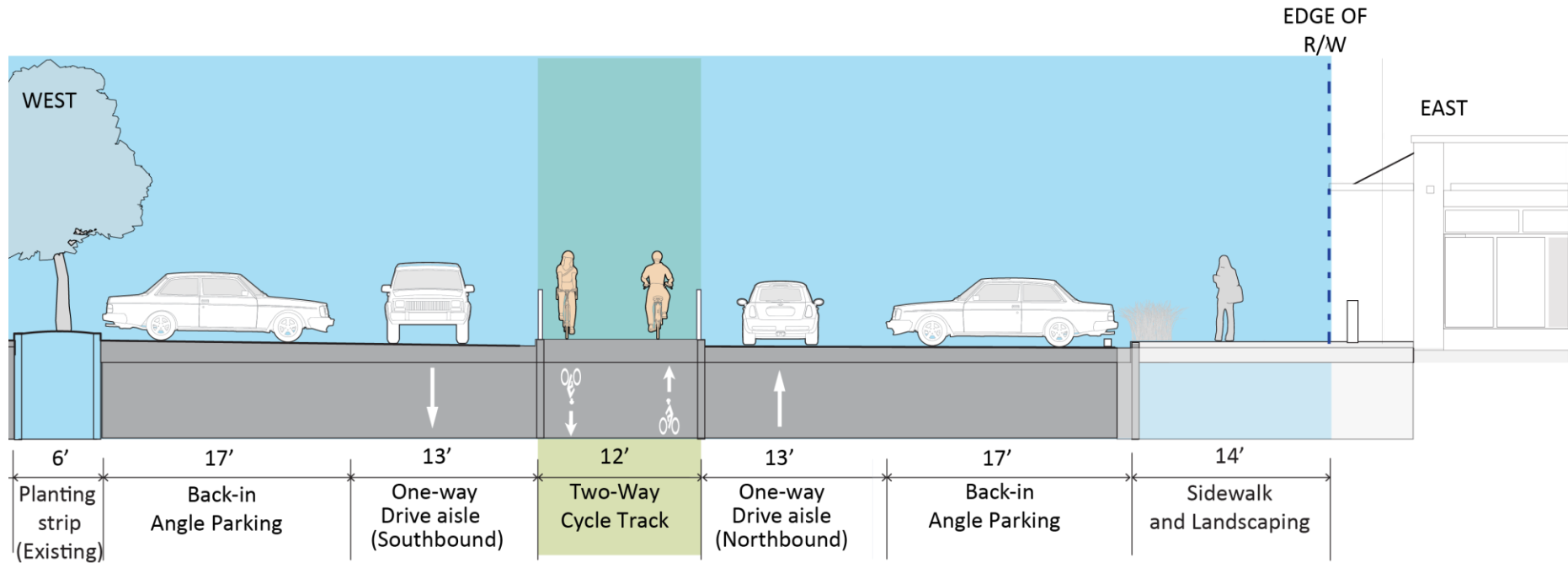
Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington DC

# Street view - Middle

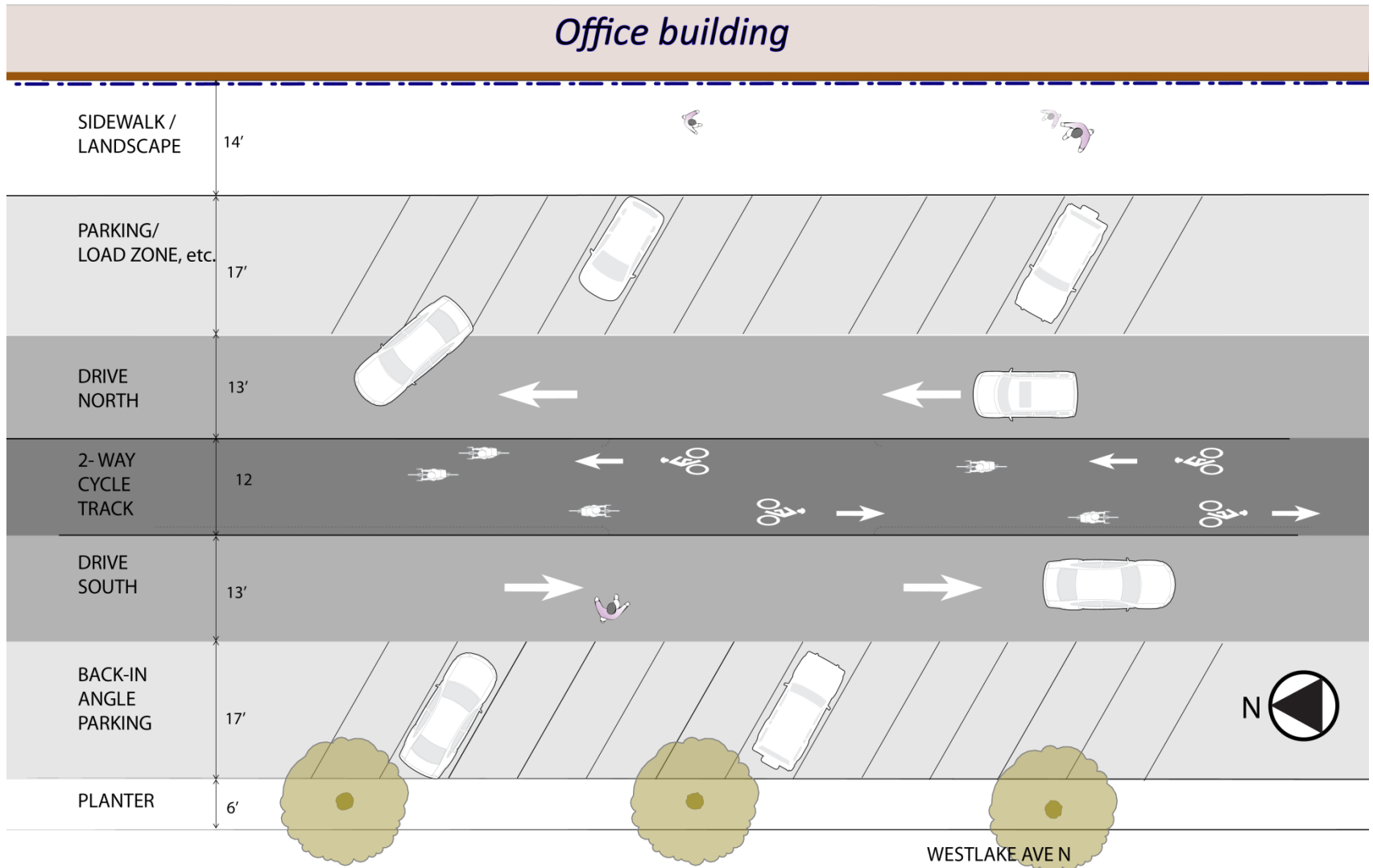


1800 block, north of Blaine Street End

# Center Concept – Middle



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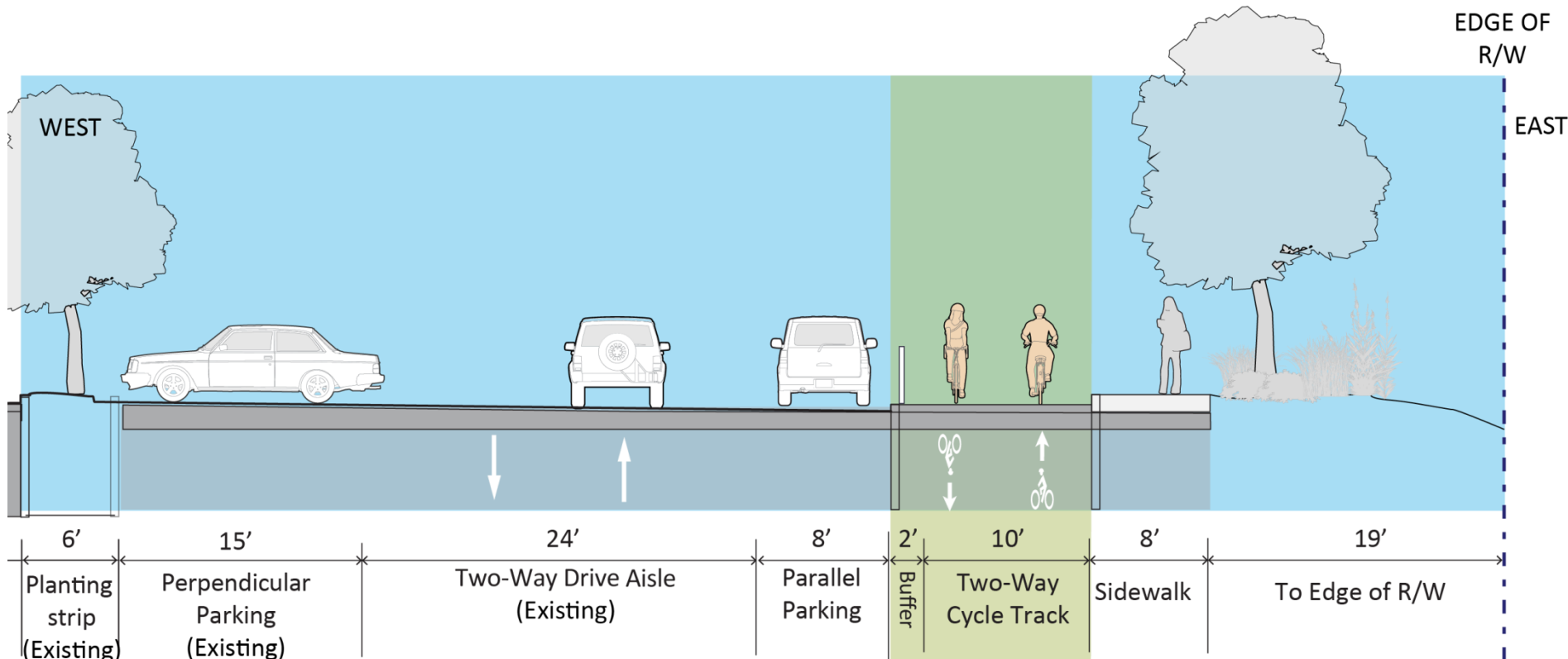
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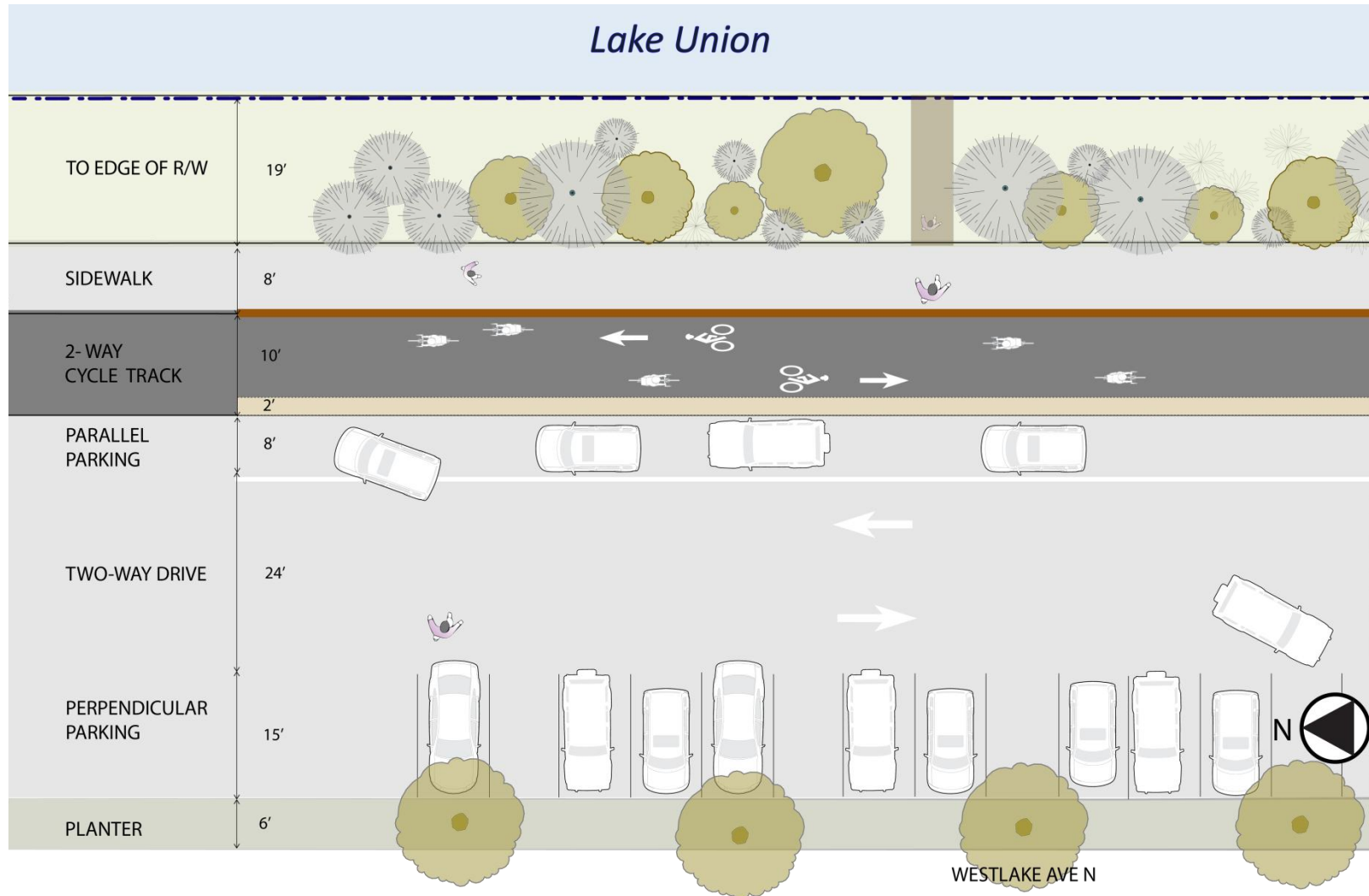
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# Center Concept – North



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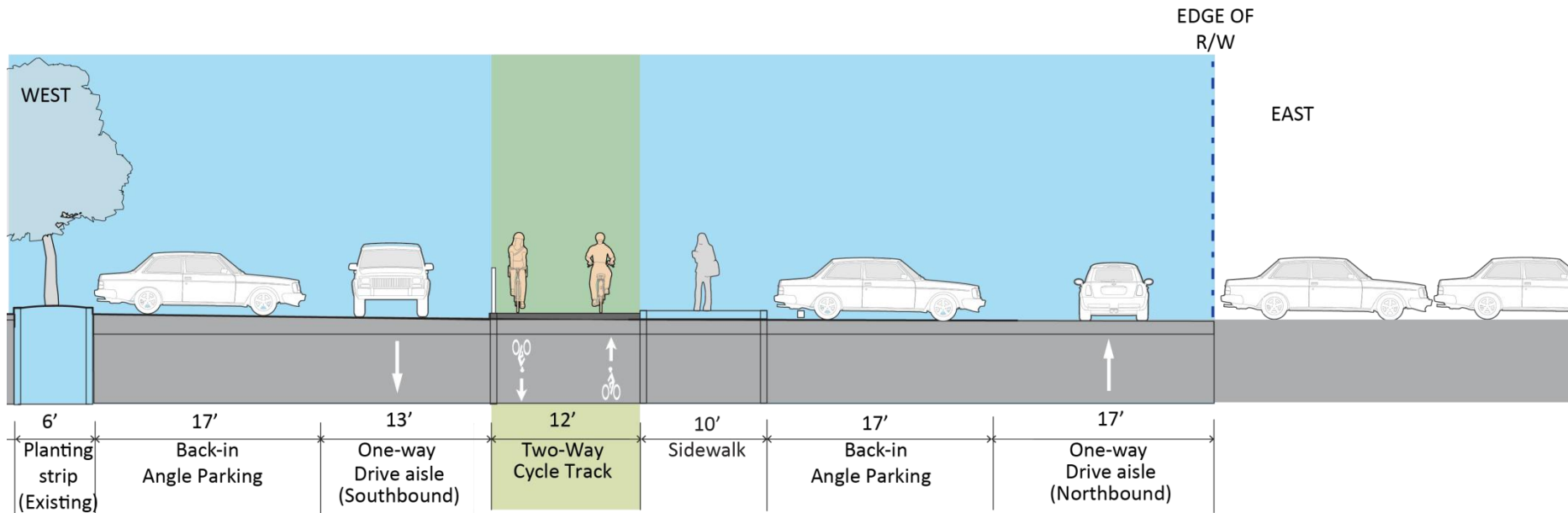


# Street view - South

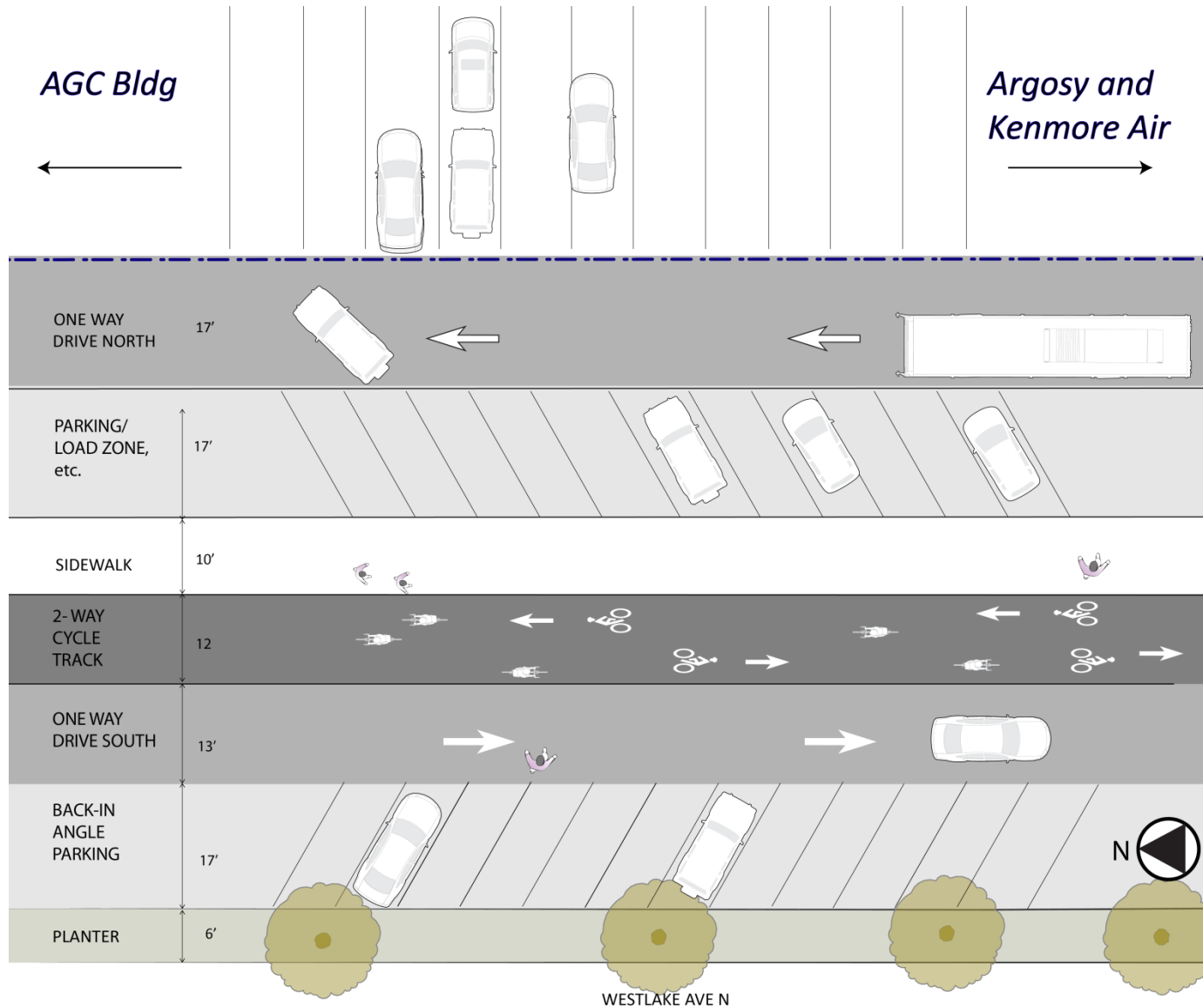


South of AGC Building

# Center Concept – South



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# Center Concept – What works

- High predictability and intuitive
- Increased safety at driveways and crossings
- Separation with mixing zones only at driveways
- Puts loading zones, business access, ADA parking, etc. immediately adjacent to the sidewalk
- Two-way vehicle circulation
- Preserves approx. 75% parking spaces

# Center Concept – Challenges

- Places bikes between drive lanes
- Potential misuse by motorists (U-turns)
- Changed functionality of the parking lot
- Major landscape impacts
- Major reconstruction of the parking lot
  - Extended construction duration
  - Reduced accessibility during construction

# Center Concept discussion

# Evolution of Sidewalk Concept



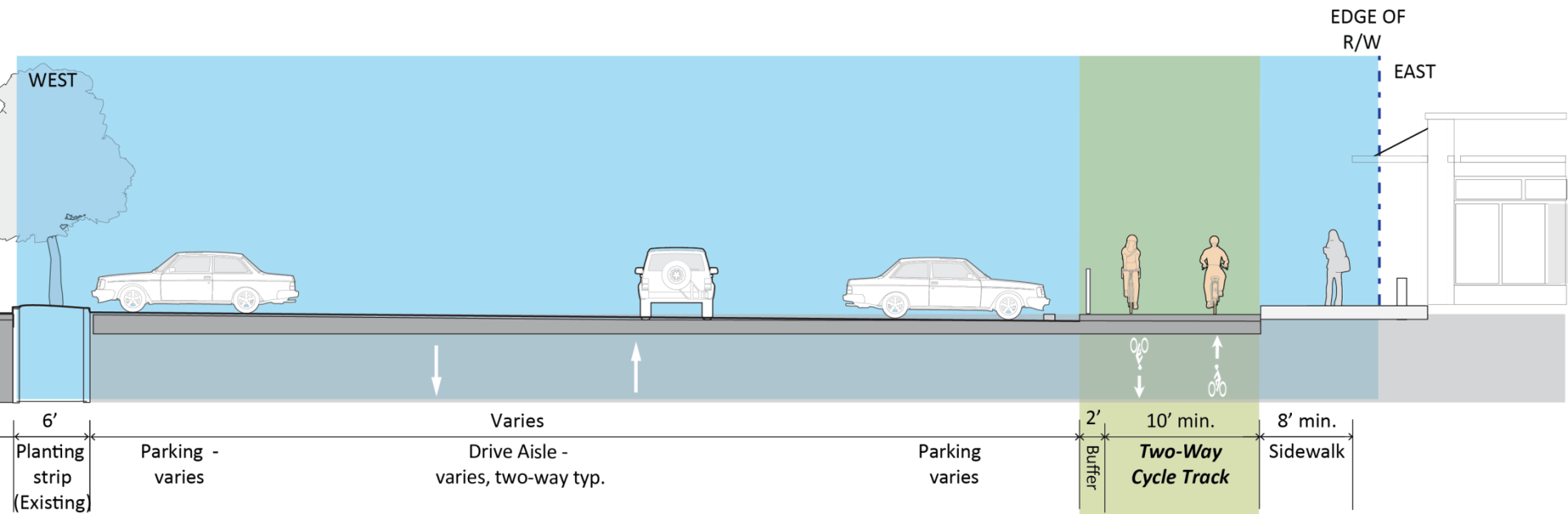


# Overview map





# What is the Sidewalk Concept?



# Similar concept



Burke Gilman Trail at University of Washington

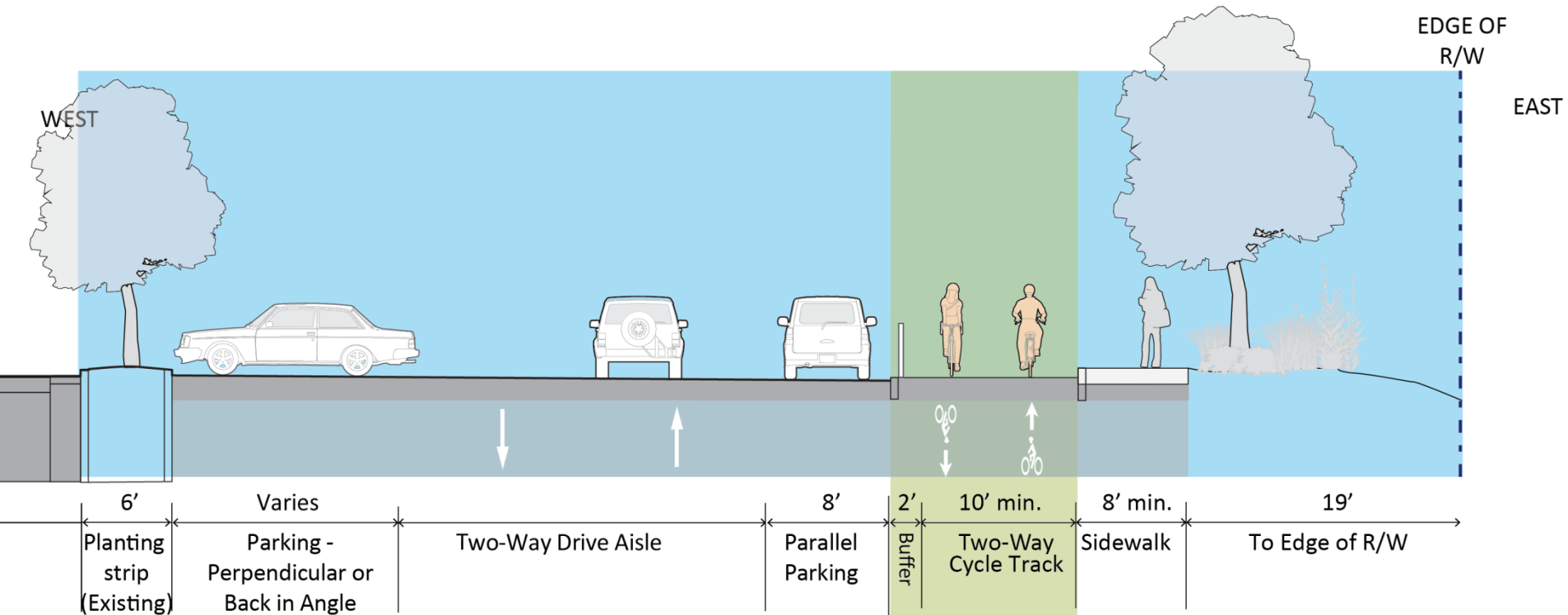


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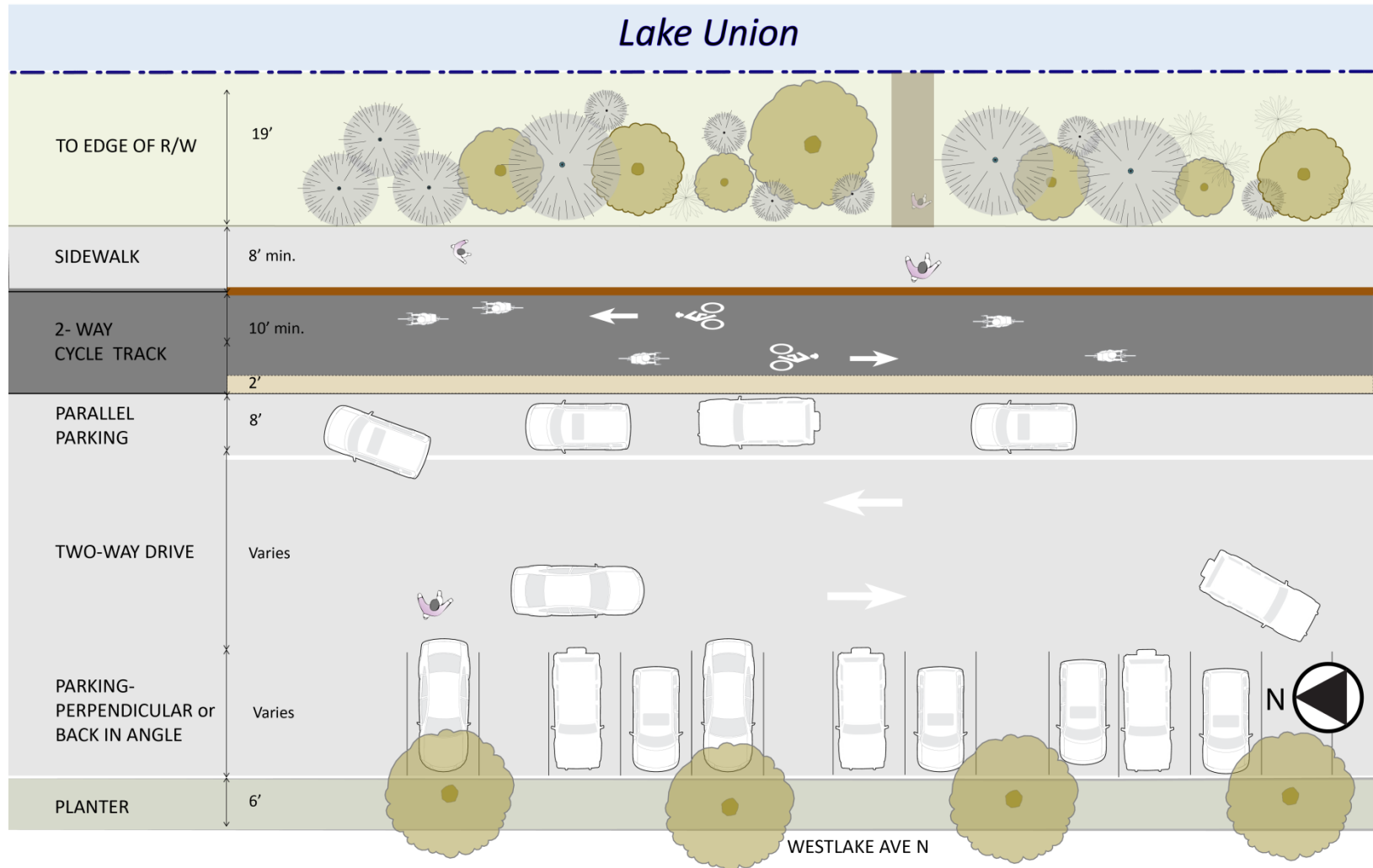
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# Sidewalk Concept – North





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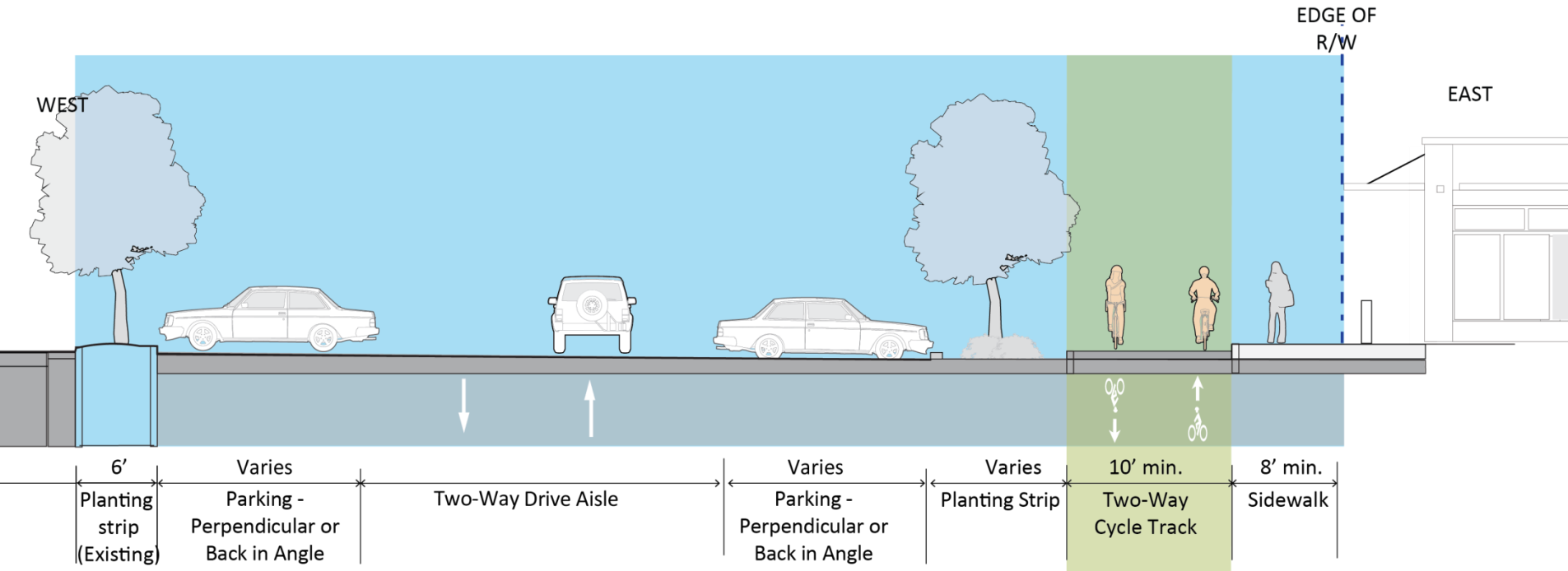


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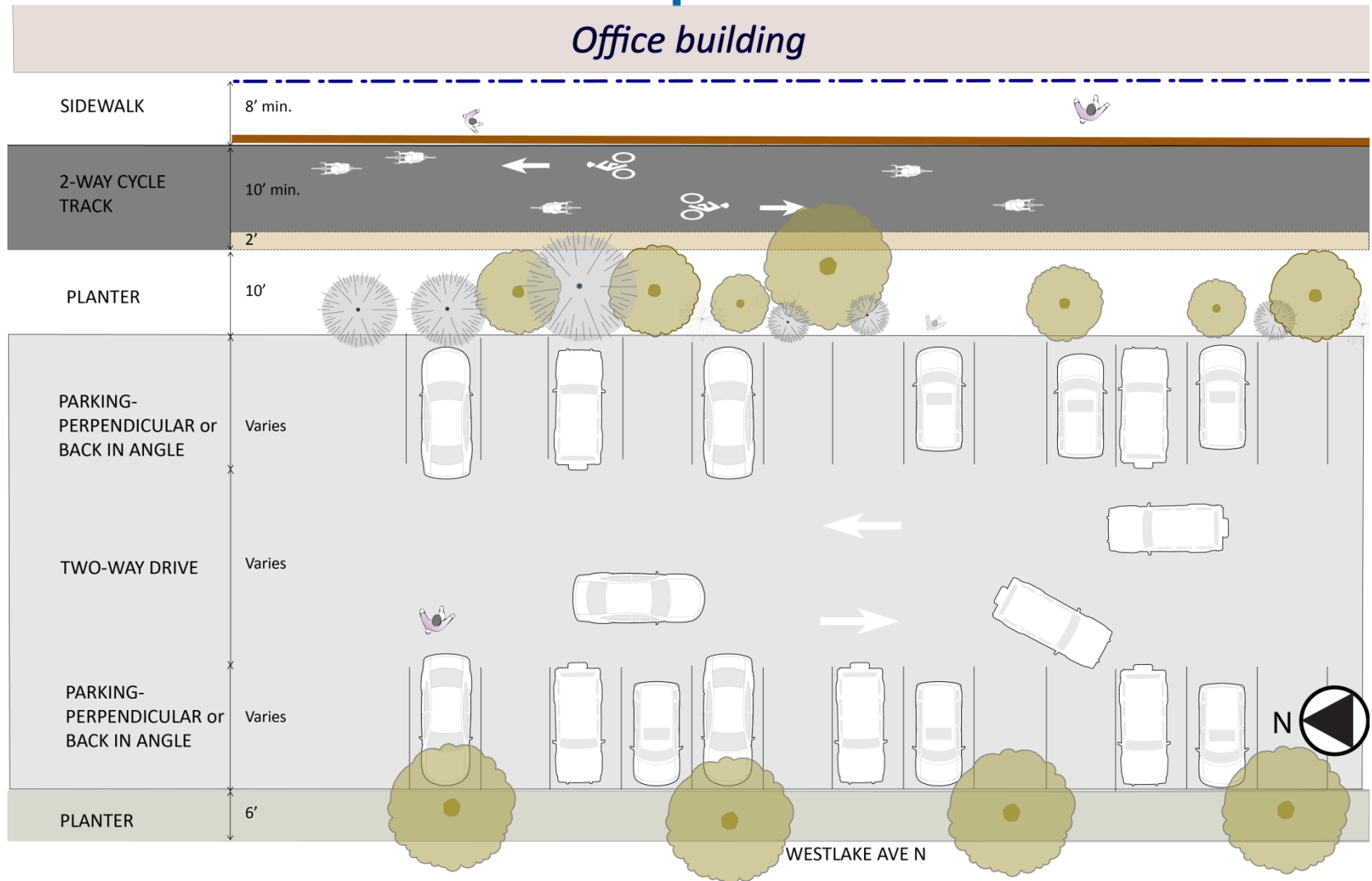


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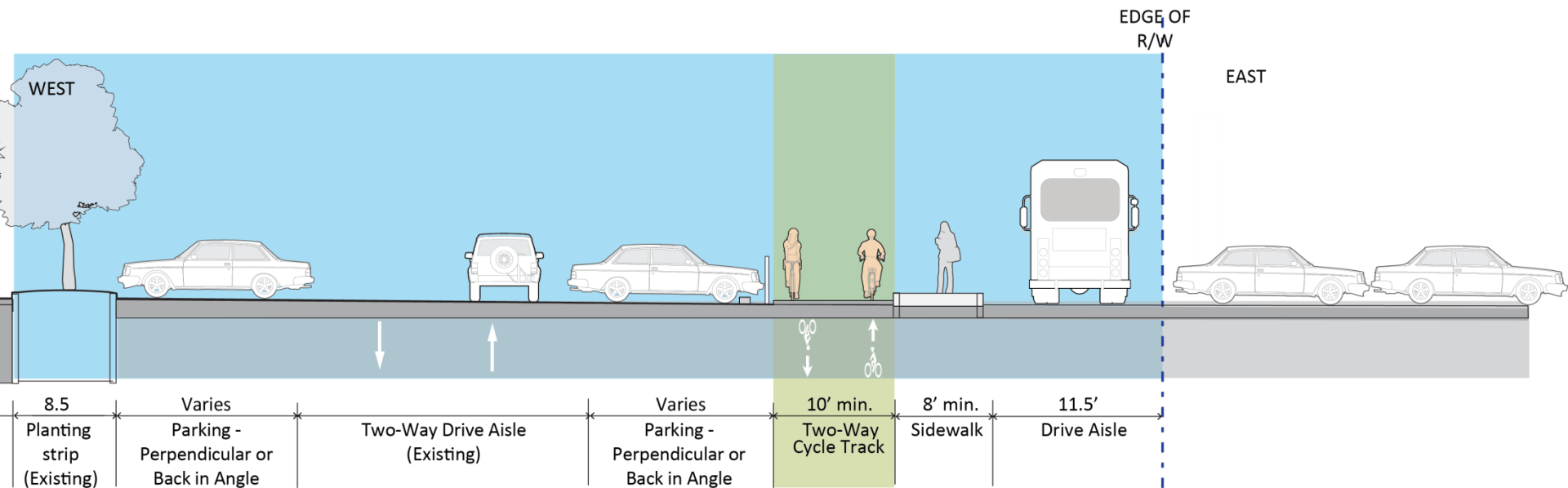


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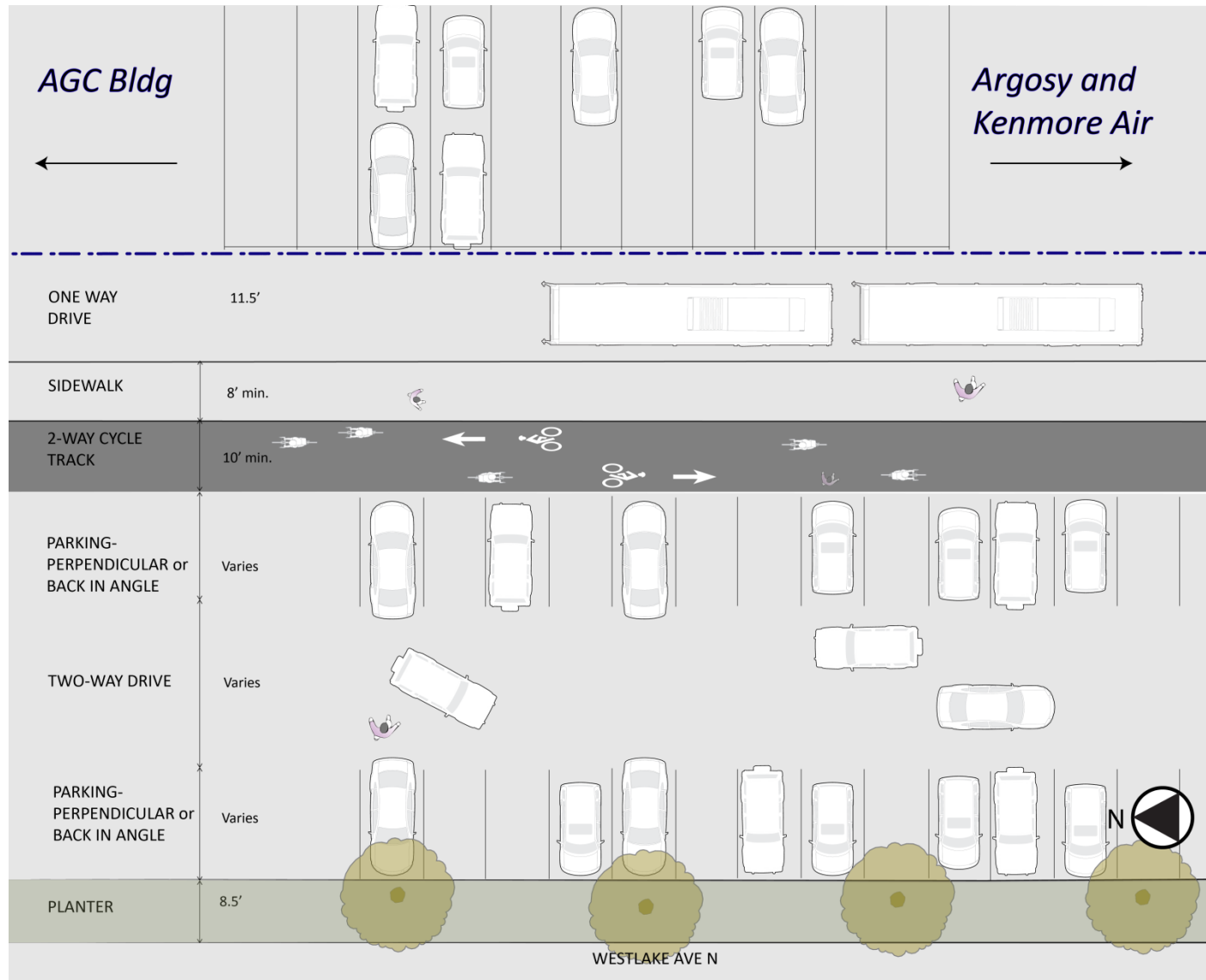


South of AGC Bldg

# Sidewalk Concept – South



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# How is this different than Concept B?

## Concept B:

- Strove to maintain the curbline
- Maintained the existing sidewalk width
- Greater parking impacts
- Used the drive aisle in the south end

## Sidewalk Concept:

- Developed with more corridor-specific information
- Maintains more two-way functionality
- Straighter than Concept B



# Sidewalk Concept – What works

- Better experience for all users
  - Few vehicle/bike conflicts
  - More comfortable and relaxed experience
  - Predictable and intuitive/familiar
  - More consistent through the corridor
- Fewer construction impacts
- Preserves approx. 80% parking spaces

# Sidewalk Concept – Challenges

- Customers and residents must cross the bike facility
- Major landscaping impacts
- Loading must cross bike facility
- Potential use of parking area by faster cyclists

# Sidewalk Concept discussion

# Big picture

- Tradeoffs with any solution
- Unique corridor
- Immediate and growing demand
- Alignment is only part of the solution
- Parking management strategies



# DAC discussion

# What's next in concept development?

- Continue to refine specific information
- Community roundtables
- More detailed concept at next DAC meeting

# Upcoming activities

- Community roundtables
  - AGC: 8/5
  - North end residents: 8/11
  - North end businesses: 8/14

# DAC workplan

- 8/25: DAC meeting #7 – updated concept, parking management, moorage survey
- 9/30: DAC meeting #8 – preview what will be shared at open house
- 10/22: Open house



# Questions?

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